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APPLICANT : Jeffrey M. Friedman et al.
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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, extending the period of Response to February 8, 2007, as well as the required extension fee, accompanies this response.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Exhibits begin on page 26 of this paper.